

was seized by some of the Passengers & inhabitants. his hands tied together with a rope & his life threatened & finding that he could not get Justice done among a desperate & wicked people, he the deponent did abandon the Brig and Cargo to the Authorities. and when deponent after his release from Imprisonment for four days went up to Bragoria in relation to it Chief Justice McKinstry advised Deponent to take possession of the Brig again. saying the Country was so poor that nothing would be obtained by it. and Deponent did accordingly take possession again & did the best he could. the deponent further says that he never received a letter from Capt. Flinn of the Barque Harriet. that he never received any advice from him whatever. that the said Flinn sailed from Velasco on the 23 July which was Eleven days before the Brig Belvidere was lost. that Davis the Mate never gave deponent or suggested any thing in relation to deponents Conduct & management of the said Brig. Deponent further says that no Liquors whatever was on board of said Brig from the time she left New York till the time she was lost to his knowledge & that the charge of Drunkenness made against this deponent is utterly false & untrue. Deponent further says. that he is a Resident of the City of New York & has remained here since the 9th of December last & was a resident of New York before he took charge of the said Brig. Deponent further says that when he arrived from Velasco in New York in December last. he gave a full statement to the said Plaintiff of all that had happened with which he was perfectly satisfied & desired deponent to go to the Office of G. Curtis Esq & relate this to him which he did. and Deponent further says that the said Jonas P Levy showed deponent a copy of a letter which he wrote to Gov. Houston of Texas requiring satisfaction for the loss of said Brig & that the said Levy told this deponent. that he had written to the United States Government respecting the same, and that the said Levy never, after deponent gave him a full account ever complained or charged deponent in any particular with misconduct. Mismanagement or gross Neglect. but always held out that he was determined to make the Texian Government pay for it. Deponent further says from the time of his arrival at Velasco till he left for N York it was his wish to effect profitable sales of the cargo. but this he could not do for the People were poor & infested with Robbers and desperadoes which caused deponent to be in continual dread & fear of his life & which required him to be continually watchfull while on shore. there being no store houses there for the property he landed for the purpose of effecting sales. the Deponent further says that from the time he arrived to the time he left Velasco he was in continual anxiety and